

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, and 23 have been amended for the purpose of clarifying the claimed invention.

Applicants believe that Claims 1-24 are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicant's attorney at 206.695.1755.

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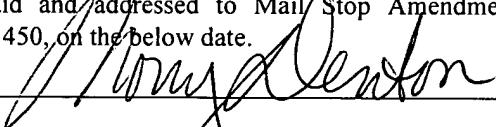


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